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LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 14, 2002

Sir:

Applicant submits the following reference which should be made of record in the present application.

A copy of the reference together with a listing on Form PTO-1449, is submitted herewith. This reference was referred to in the Reply Brief filed October 15, 2002 and is submitted here to complete the record.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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